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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ON THE QUESTION OF POLITBURO "UNANIMITY," WHICH YOU RAISED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR OF STATE 175714, IN THE TWO INSTANCES WE CHECKED WHILE DRAFTING MOSCOW 11126, THE CC "UNANIMOUSLY" SUPPORTED THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE CPSU DELEGATION AT THE 1969 MEETING OF WORLD PARTIES, BUT AFTER THE CSCE SUMMIT, THE STATEMENT OF THE POLITBURO, SS PRESIDUM AND CM CONTAINED NO COMPARABLE PHRASE.

2. RE PARA 1, STATE 178416, CONTROL OFFICER (YALOWITZ) FOR BAKKE DELEGATION ATTENDED OFFICIAL MEETINGS IN MOSCOW AS REPORTED IN MOSCOW 11398. HIS WORKING ASSUMPTION WAS THAT DEPARTMENT HAD BRIEFED BAKKE PARTY BEFORE DEPARTURE AND THAT BOTH DEPARTMENT AND MARAD WERE AWARE OF BAKKE'S PURPOSES AND POSITIONS.

3. AT OUTSET, BAKKE'S STAFF MEBER NATHAN BAYER TOLD YALOWITZ THAT BAKKE WOULD BE TOUGH ON SOVIETS AND WOULD SEEK MODIFICATIONS IN THEIR SHIPPING ACTIVITIES. WHETHER THIS WOULD BE BY A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OR A FORMAL AGREEMENT WAS NOT MADE CLEAR. AS REPORTED, THE DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW WERE GENERAL WITH SOVIETS TAKING A FIRM POSITION REGARDING ENACTMENT OF CONTROLLED CARRIER BILL BUT ALSO INDICATING SOME FLEXIBILITY
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ON DISPUTED SHIPPING MATTERS. AT NO POINT IN THE MEETINGS WAS

A FORMAL AGREEMENT DISCUSSED, BUT BAKKE ONCE REMARKED HE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO TO CONGRESS AND SAY THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

4. ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR LENINGRAD JULY 14, BAKKE REMARKED BRIEFLY TO YALOWITZ THAT AVERIN HAD INDICATED TO HIM A DESIRE TO CONTINUE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN LENINGRAD. NO AGREEMENT WAS MENTIONED NOR DID ANYTHING FORMAL SEEM IN PROSPECT GIVEN THE TONE OF THE EARLIER DISCUSSIONS. IN RETROSPECT IT WOULD SEEM THAT AVERIN MAY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY GUZHENKO TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AND THAT INTENSE DISCUSSIONS TOWARD THIS END TOOK PLACE IN LENINGRAD. HAVE YOU CHECKED WITH LENINGRAD, OR WOULD YOU LIKE US TO DO SO?

5. WHEN LOWERY SIMS WENT TO LENINGRAD SHE BORROWED 29 RUBLES (HOTEL 20; PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION 3; MEALS 5; MUSEUM ADMISSION ONE) OR US \$38.36 FROM JANE KITSON WHO ACCOMPANIED HER. MISS KITSON WOULD APPRECIATE A CHECK IN THAT AMOUNT.

6. RE KIEV AND GORKY STREET PROPERTY (PARA 4, STATE 178416), I AGREE THAT 2ND FRONT ENTRANCE NOT NECESSARY FOR CG, AND AM GLAD THAT YOU AGREE THAT BACK ENTRANCE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS MAIN ENTRANCE FOR GUESTS. ON CHOICE OF FLOORS, I BELIEVE THAT FIGURES YOU HAVE ARE INACCURATE. MY TOP-OF-THE-HEAD ESTIMATE IS THAT THERE IS ABOUT 30 SQUARE METERS DIFFERENCE IN GROSS FLOOR SPACE BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS, CERTAINLY NOT 91 SQUARE METERS DIFFERENCE. IN ANY EVENT FLOOR SPACE SEEMS QUITE ADEQUATE FOR CG ON FIRST FLOOR, PARTICULARLY IF CLOAK ROOM AND PROJECTION ROOM ARE PROVIDED IN BASEMENT. (269 SQ. METERS IS MORE THAN I HAVE, AND I FIND MY SPACE QUITE ENOUGH). ANYWAY, WE HAVE ASKED PORTER AND BYRNES, WHO ARE NOW IN KIEV, TO CONFIRM MEASUREMENTS AND I WILL CONVEY TEAM ON THURSDAY.

7. AMBASSADOR REMARKED AS HE LEFT THAT HE WOULD ARRIVE RESTED TOMORROW AFTERNOON, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO COME INTO DEPT. DIRECTLY FROM DULLES IF YOU WANT TO SET APPOINTMENT FOR HIM FOR 4:00 OR 4:30.
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